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Burning of a Theatre.

The Opera Comique, Paris, took fire last

evening, and the whole building was de-

stroyed. Fourteen persons who jumped

from the windows were killed, and forty-

three injured. It is probable that many

were crushed to death in the galleries. Five

bodies terribly burned were conveyed to the

national library. Among them was the body

of a woman clasping a little boy in her

arms. Nineteen persons are known to be

dead. Many of these were super. An ar-

tificial fire apparatus which had been placed

in position in readiness for the burning of

the palace in the second act, rolled down

from its place near the roof and exploded

below. Women half clad and carrying

their costumes fled from the stage scream-

ing. Supers and members of the chorus

were terrified. Some of the latter fled with

nothing on but tights. The flames spread

with such rapidity that in fifteen minutes

the stage was a vast furnace, and several

actors escaped by climbing to the roof of the

side of the Rue Marivants, where they were

rescued by fire escapes. M. Tasquin in-

duced the audience to remain seated until

the exits were opened, which they did.

If they had made a rush for the

doors the loss of life would have been

terrible. The police outside were un-

able to restrain the crowd, who besieged

the building inquiring for friends inside,

until a military cordon was formed. One

man, who wanted to rescue his brother

and sister, raved and tore his hair and

menaced with a stick the people who stop-

ped him from rushing into the blazing build-

ing. The scene outside was one of the wildest

excitement. Falling embers struck

horses in the surrounding streets, causing

them to plunge and rear. Flames shot out

of every window, forcing the crowd into

the narrow streets, where the crush was

terrible. There were 150 persons on the

stage when the fire broke out. The killed

and injured four firemen. There was not a

frantic rush in the theatre, but it is believed

that the staircase became blocked. The

fire broke out during the first act of the

opera, "Mignon." One of the wings caught

from a gas jet, and the entire stage was im-

mediately enveloped in flames. The fire

soon spread to the whole house. The roof

soon fell in, sending showers of sparks as

far as the Place de la Bourse. With the

exception of Madame Sellier, who perished in

the flames, all the actors escaped, though

several of the supernumeraries were injured

severely. The iron curtain was lowered in

front of the stage, and this prevented the fire

from spreading immediately to the auditor-

ium, and allowed the audience time to es-

cape. The men who carried away the money

chest report that when they left the auditor-

ium was quite empty. The fire brigade

distinguished themselves, and many of them

had narrow escapes. Most of the casualties

so far reported were due to nervousness.

Many persons who were unable to trust

themselves to walk the narrow ledge of the

cornice round the building jumped off in

their terror. One woman coolly walked all

round the cornice, while the flames were

bursting above, until she reached a fire es-

cape. The victims were almost all singers.

The streets in the vicinity of the burned

theatre were crowded until an early hour

this morning. The total number of persons

known to have been killed and injured is

sixty-seven. The building was entirely de-

stroyed, and it is as yet impossible to say

how many bodies are buried beneath the

ruins. Only a fortnight ago M. Steenackers

called attention in the chamber of deputies

to the dangerous condition of the Opera

Comique, which was the oldest theatre in

Paris. The *Figaro* also called attention to

the same thing after the recent twelve-hour

benefit performance.

Mrs. Mary Edmison and her little

daughter went fishing near Somerville, Ala.,

the other day. Mrs. Edmison knelt by the

stream, and bent down to drink from the

running water, when a large water moccasin

bit her on the left side of the neck, sink-

ing its fangs deep and fast in her flesh, so

she had to pull it loose. Her daughter help-

ed her up the bank of the creek, and upon

her mother saying that she was very sick,

left her and ran for help. When the child

got back with her father they found the

mother about 200 yards from where she had

been, dead. She had tried to go to the

house.

The operation of washing out the stomach

is becoming quite common among physi-

cians. This is accomplished by passing a

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until there is a sensation of fullness, when

it is lowered and the fluid flows out as

through a syphon.

A story is related in a Western paper of

the manner in which a young man's pre-

sence of mind saved him from the clutches

of a huge bear. He climbed a tree up

which the bear pursued him and was gain-

ing on him when an idea struck him. Seiz-

ing his hat from his head, he set it on fire

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